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**GLENDALÉ PRESENTS THE 2009 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
UNITY DAY LUNCHEON**

GLENDALÉ, Ariz. – The city of Glendale's Diversity Committee is proud to present the 2009 Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon, featuring Kweisi Mfume, former US Congressman and President/CEO of the NAACP.

Each year, on the third Monday of January, the life and the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. are celebrated. Glendale honors this great man and his ideals with a luncheon that acknowledges the value of diversity, the progress made toward freedom and equality for all people and continued efforts to strengthen communities across the nation.

This year, the luncheon will be held from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Friday, Jan. 16, 2009 at the Glendale Civic Center, located at 5750 W. Glenn. Drive.

Kweisi Mfume has been an active leader in the civil rights struggle for many decades. As a congressman, Mfume became one of the most well-known African American politicians in Washington, D.C. Believing that he could achieve more for civil rights by working for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Mfume eventually left Congress to become president of the organization and currently consults.

As one of the state's premier celebrations of Dr. King's life and the ideals his name so symbolically represents, the *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon* demonstrates Glendale's commitment to create a society that is more just, peaceful and understanding.

The public is invited to attend the event, with the purchase of a luncheon



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ticket. Tickets for the *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Luncheon* can be purchased in person at the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, suite 140. The Visitor Center is open Monday through Saturday, exclusive of city holidays. Tickets are \$40 per person.

For more information on purchasing tickets, contact the Visitor Center at (623) 930-4500.

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